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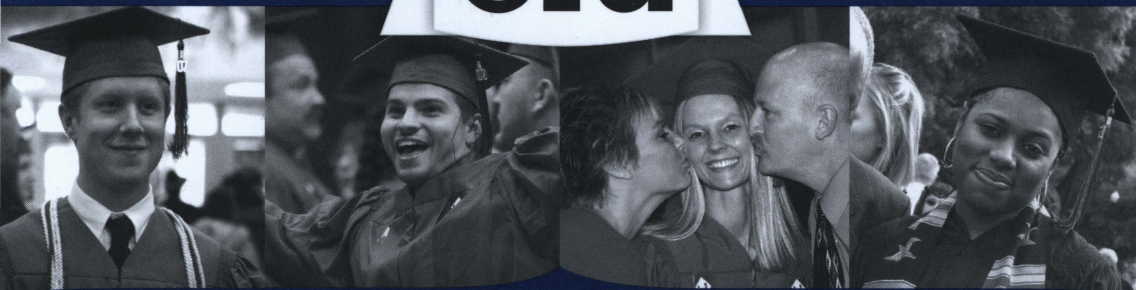
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Saturday, December 17, 2011



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You are educated.
Your certification is in your degree.
You may think of it as the ticket to the good life.

Let me ask you to think of an alternative.
Think of it as your ticket to change the world.

~Tom Brokaw

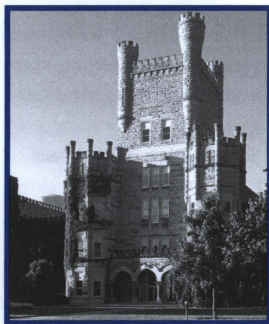
**In the coming months each graduate will receive a complimentary Memory CD of the
Fall 2011 Commencement from the Alumni Services Office.**

Welcome to the campus of Eastern Illinois University

Today's graduation ceremony will be a memorable moment in the lives of the graduates and their parents, relatives, and friends.

Eastern Illinois University considers the recognition of each graduate important. Applause for your graduate is certainly appropriate. In order to maintain a dignified graduation ceremony, we ask that you refrain from disruptive behavior such as whistling or shouting. Your cooperation in maintaining an atmosphere appropriate to the symbolic conclusion of the college experience for the graduates is requested.

In consideration of all the graduates, please remain in your seats until after the ceremony and recessional are concluded.



Proud History, Promising Future

Eastern Illinois University, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. Approximately 11,200 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities. During its 116-year history, Eastern has enriched the lives of generations of students and established a lasting reputation for excellence.

Eastern Illinois University Fall 2011 Commencement Program

Saturday, December 17, 2011

The audience is asked to rise when the procession enters and remain standing until after the Moment of Reflection and National Anthem.

Pre-Program Concert

EIU Wind Symphony
R. Alan Sullivan, *Director*

Presiding

Dr. William L. Perry, *President*

Moment of Reflection

Dr. Daniel P. Nadler

Presentation of Colors

Eastern ROTC Panther Battalion

The National Anthem

Morning ceremony

Ms. Megan E. McDevitt

Afternoon ceremony

Ms. Gina M. Marcin

Introduction of Platform Party

Dr. William L. Perry, *President*

Recognition of Marshals

Dr. William L. Perry, *President*

Greetings to the Graduates

Faculty Senate

Dr. Andrew S. Methven, *Chairperson*

Student Body

Mr. Edward M. Hotwagner, *President*

Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award

Afternoon ceremony

Dr. Kathlene S. Shank

Charge to the Class

Morning Ceremony

Mr. Carl T. Mito

Afternoon ceremony

Ms. Donna K. Martin



Conferring of Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas

Dr. William L. Perry, *President*

Degrees in Course

Morning ceremony

Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

College of Arts and Humanities

Afternoon ceremony

College of Education and Professional Studies

College of Sciences

School of Continuing Education

Presentation of Graduates

Dr. William L. Perry, *President*

Alma Mater

Morning ceremony

Ms. Megan E. McDevitt

Afternoon ceremony

Ms. Gina M. Marcin

Recessional

EIU Wind Symphony

Please rise for the Alma Mater and remain standing during the Recessional.

Lyrics can be found on the back page.

Platform Party

Administration

Dr. William L. Perry, *President*
Dr. Blair M. Lord, *Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Dr. William V. Weber, *Vice President for Business Affairs*
Mr. Robert K. Martin, *Vice President for University Advancement*
Dr. Daniel P. Nadler, *Vice President for Student Affairs*
Mr. Edward M. Hotwagner, *President of the Student Body*
Dr. Andrew S. Methven, *Chairperson of the Faculty Senate*

Board of Trustees

Morning ceremony

Mr. Jarrod T. Scherle

Afternoon ceremony

Dr. Robert D. Webb

Commencement Marshals

Morning ceremony

Dr. Andrew D. McNitt, *The Graduate School*

Afternoon ceremony

Dr. Reed Benedict, *School of Continuing Education*

Deans

Dr. Robert M. Augustine, *The Graduate School*
Dr. Godson C. Obia, *(Interim) College of Sciences*
Dr. William C. Hine, *School of Continuing Education*
Dr. Mahyar Izadi, *Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences*
Dr. John Paul Stimac, *The Honors College*
Dr. Bonnie D. Irwin, *College of Arts and Humanities*
Dr. Diane H. Jackman, *College of Education and Professional Studies*

The Board of Trustees

Mr. William Dano, III
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Mr. Roger Kratochvil
Dr. Robert Webb
Mr. Leo Welch
Mr. Jarrod Scherle, *Student Trustee*

Faculty Marshals

Morning ceremony

Dr. Jacquelyn B. Frank, *The Graduate School, Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences*

Dr. Richard F. Wilkinson, *Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences*

Dr. Newton E. Key, *The Graduate School, College of Arts and Humanities*

Dr. Charles W. Titus, *College of Arts and Humanities*

Afternoon ceremony

Dr. Carrie M. Dale, *The Graduate School, College of Education and Professional Studies*

Dr. Nick R. Osborne, *College of Education and Professional Studies*

Dr. Kraig A. Wheeler, *The Graduate School, College of Sciences*

Dr. Jonell A. Comerford, *College of Sciences*

Dr. John R. Willems, *School of Continuing Education*

Honors College Banner Marshal

The Honors College banner is carried by an Honors Student chosen by the Dean.

This Fall's chosen Honors Student is:

Ms. Angelica M. Bradley, *Biological Sciences, Teutopolis*

Mr. Matt F. Piescinski, BS '79, MS '91, is making introductions and reading the graduates' names for today's ceremonies.

The sign language interpreter's are Ms. June G. Kriesel, BA '02, [Morning Ceremony](#)

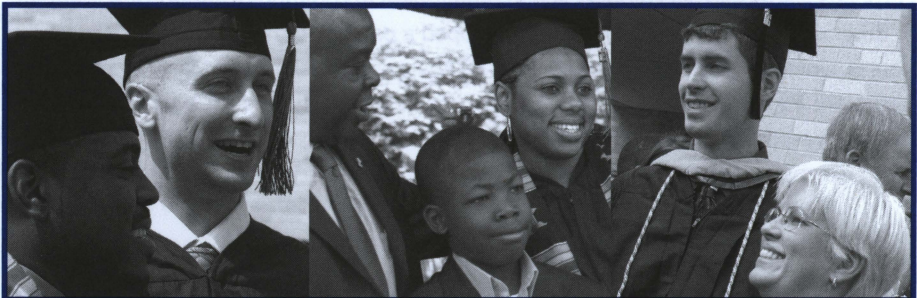
Ms. Debbie M. Rotramel, BSE '89, MSED '95, [Afternoon Ceremony](#)

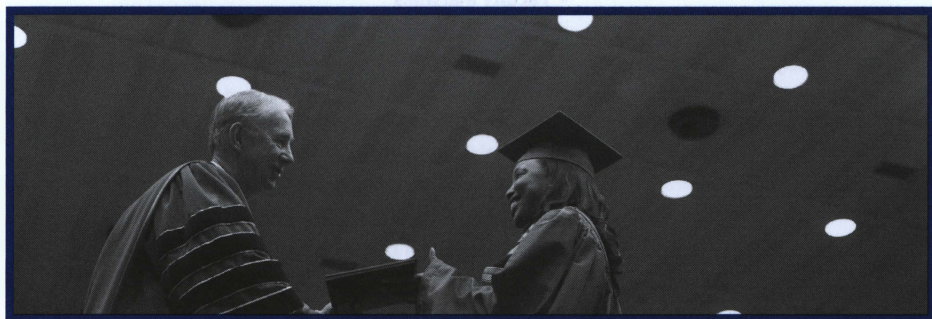
If you are hearing-impaired, you and one companion may sit in the reserved area on the west side of the arena floor. Assistive Listening Systems (frequency: 72.900 MHz Wideband) are available at the Information Table in the lobby.

The volunteers assisting with today's ceremonies are Eastern faculty and staff, retired faculty and members of the EIU Annuitants Association.

Every effort has been made to secure the safety and comfort of guests and graduates with special needs.

Any area marked "reserved" is for persons with special needs and one companion each.





Commencement Speaker

Morning ceremony

Carl Mito, Managing Director, Oppenheimer & Company, Chicago

Since graduating from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in finance, Carl Mito '72 has given back to his alma mater in many ways. Mito was instrumental in the establishment of EIU's Securities Analysis Center, which provides students with hands-on experience in the stock market. As a member of the School of Business Advisory Board, he led the charge to establish Business Opportunity Funds that benefit five academic programs. In addition, he and his late wife established the Carl and Marion Mito Excellence in Finance Endowment. Mito is a member of the steering committee for "EI&U: The Campaign for Eastern Illinois University," the largest fundraising effort in EIU's history; the EIU Foundation; and the EIU Alumni Association.

Afternoon ceremony

Ms. Donna K. Martin, CEO, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri

In addition to being a lifetime member of Girl Scouts, Donna Martin '68 brings more than 30 years of leadership experience to her role as the CEO of Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri. Through her early career experience as an elementary school teacher, an extensive corporate leadership background, and a commitment to community through involvement in other non-profit organizations, she developed a passion for helping people, especially young women, grow and develop into all they can possibly be. Martin earned her bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Illinois University, and she went on to earn a master's degree in education from Northern Illinois University.

Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Kathlene S. Shank was selected as the 2011 Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award recipient for her contributions to the university, the field of special education and the local community. She has been a member of the special education faculty at EIU since 1970, and has been instrumental in organizing the Area 9 Special Olympics. Every spring, Dr. Shank recruits and organizes more than 700 volunteers (faculty, staff and students) for the annual Special Olympics and every fall for the Special Olympics Family Fun Festival.

Dr. Shank has been honored with several service awards during her career, including the Ronald Gholson Outstanding Service Award in the College of Education and Professional Studies (2009), the Harrie C. Selznick Distinguished Service Award from the Council of Administrators in Special Education Council on Exception Children (2006), the Larry B. Vuilleumot Leadership Award from the Illinois Administrators of Special Education (2005), the Outstanding Service Award from the Illinois Teacher Education Division (2001), and the Outstanding Volunteer Award from Eastern Illinois University Foundation (1996).

The award honors the memory of Mendez, an EIU professor in Spanish who died in 2003.

Commencement Marshals

Each marshal will carry the University mace, traditionally a symbol of honor accorded a marshal of Commencement. The mace was fashioned out of Illinois walnut by the late Dr. Robert Sonderman, professor emeritus, School of Technology, Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences. It was first used in the Fall 1985 Commencement ceremony. Each faculty member chosen as a marshal has his or her name inscribed on a brass plate attached to the mace.

Morning

Dr. Andrew D. McNitt, professor, political science, is the Commencement Marshal for the 10 a.m. ceremony, representing The Graduate School. Dr. McNitt has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1977.

Afternoon

Dr. Reed Benedict, professor, sociology and anthropology, is the Commencement Marshal for the 1 p.m. ceremony, representing the School of Continuing Education. Dr. Benedict has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1994.

Honors College Banner Marshal

(Both ceremonies)

Ms. Angelica M. Bradley is a biological sciences major from Teutopolis, Illinois.

Faculty Marshals

The Faculty Marshal is a faculty member given the honor of carrying the college banner for his or her college.

Morning

Dr. Jacquelyn B. Frank, assistant professor, School of Family and Consumer Sciences, is the Faculty Marshal for the 10 a.m. ceremony, representing The Graduate School and the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences. Dr. Frank has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 2009.

Dr. Richard F. Wilkinson, associate professor, School of Family and Consumer Sciences, is the Faculty Marshal for the 10 a.m. ceremony, representing the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences. Dr. Wilkinson has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 2003.

Dr. Newton E. Key, professor, history, is the Faculty Marshal for the 10 a.m. ceremony, representing The Graduate School and the College of Arts and Humanities. Dr. Key has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1989.

Dr. Charles W. Titus, assistant professor, history, is the Faculty Marshal for the 10 a.m. ceremony, representing the College of Arts and Humanities. Dr. Titus has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1972.

Afternoon

Dr. Carrie M. Dale, assistant professor, early childhood, elementary and middle level education, is the Faculty Marshal for the 1 p.m. ceremony, representing The Graduate School and the College of Education and Professional Studies. Dr. Dale has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 2006.

Dr. Nick R. Osborne, associate professor, educational leadership, is the Commencement Marshal for the 1 p.m. ceremony, representing the College of Education and Professional Studies. Dr. Osborne has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 2001.

Dr. Kraig A. Wheeler, professor, chemistry, is the Faculty Marshal for the 1 p.m. ceremony, representing The Graduate School and the College of Sciences. Dr. Wheeler has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 2005.

Dr. Jonell A. Comerford, professor, mathematics and computer science, is the Faculty Marshal for the 1 p.m. ceremony, representing the College of Sciences. Dr. Comerford has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1988.

Dr. John R. Willems, professor, School of Business, is the Faculty Marshal for the 1 p.m. ceremony, representing the School of Continuing Education. Dr. Willems has been a member of Eastern's faculty since 1996.

Academic Costume

The pageantry of commencement exercises dates from the Middle Ages and the traditions of Europe's first universities. The origins of academic attire are little-known, but it is probable that because students in medieval times enjoyed the status of clerics, their dress was patterned after clerical dress. The gown appears to be an adaptation of the robe of a priest or friar; the hood and mortar board evolved from the cowl and skullcap worn by monks and friars.

For each of the degree levels, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral, the gown is distinctive. The bachelor's gown is yoked, has long sleeves, and is worn closed. The doctoral gown has full, bell-shaped sleeves and is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

While black velvet is proper trimming for all doctoral gowns, the color of the panels and bars is often varied to indicate the academic discipline in which the doctoral degree was earned.

Although hoods are available for all three degree levels, the hood for the bachelor's regalia is seldom used. The doctoral hood varies from the other two in that it has flat, wide panels on either side. The color(s) lining the detachable hoods are those of the college or university granting the degree.

The black mortar-board cap or tam is the accepted style in colleges and universities of the United States. Many foreign universities have distinctive and colorful forms of headdresses.

An integral part of the headdress, the tassel varies widely in its use and color. The doctor usually wears a gold tassel, although black is acceptable; the master wears a black tassel. For the bachelor, the tassel can be black or varied according to the degree.

The present academic costume has evolved from a traditional background covering hundreds of years. With the adoption of the Intercollegiate Code in 1895, a definite pattern was established to make possible the recognition of degrees conferred by American colleges and universities.





The College Colors

The banners behind the platform and on the north wall reflect the chosen colors of the five colleges, The Graduate School, and the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University. Those colors, matched to the entities, are the following:

The Honors College – Spanish yellow and red

Arts and Humanities – sandalwood and white

Business and Applied Sciences – khaki, dartmouth, and Spanish yellow

Education and Professional Studies – bluebird and bright green

Sciences – Spanish yellow

School of Continuing Education – wineberry

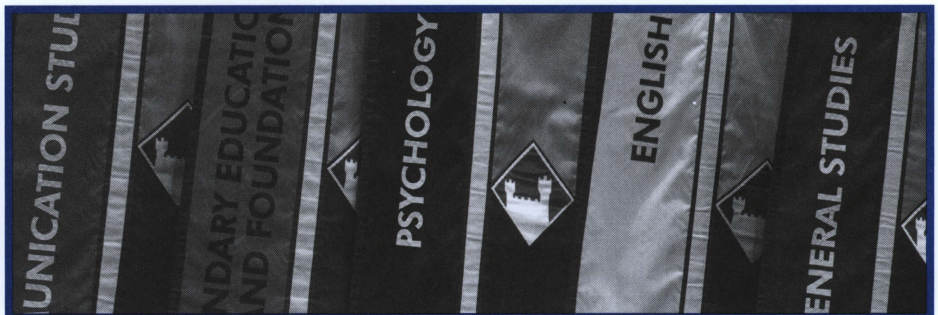
The Graduate School – french blue

Honors Programs

Eastern's Honors College Programs are separated into University and Departmental divisions. Both programs offer academically superior students an opportunity to develop their achievement potential through Honors courses with other Honors students. Outstanding participants in the Honors Programs may receive scholarships or tuition waivers in recognition of their scholastic abilities. To be eligible for either program, a student must meet at least two of the following criteria: have an ACT composite of 26 or above or SAT of 1120 or above; finish in the upper 10 percent of high school graduating class; have a 3.5 grade point average for at least 12 hours of coursework taken at Eastern; or have the permission of the dean of the Honors College.

University Honors Programs graduates have completed a minimum of 25 hours of coursework in the University Honors Program courses with at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Departmental Honors Programs graduates have completed a minimum of 12 hours of coursework in the Departmental Honors Program and completed a senior thesis with at least a 3.5 grade point average.



Graduation with Distinction

Students graduating with distinction are designated by medallions with corresponding ribbons of gold, white, or blue.

Summa Cum Laude – gold

"With Highest Honor" - G.P.A.: 3.90-4.00

Magna Cum Laude – white

"With High Honor" - G.P.A.: 3.80-3.89

Cum Laude – blue

"With Honor" - G.P.A.: 3.65-3.79

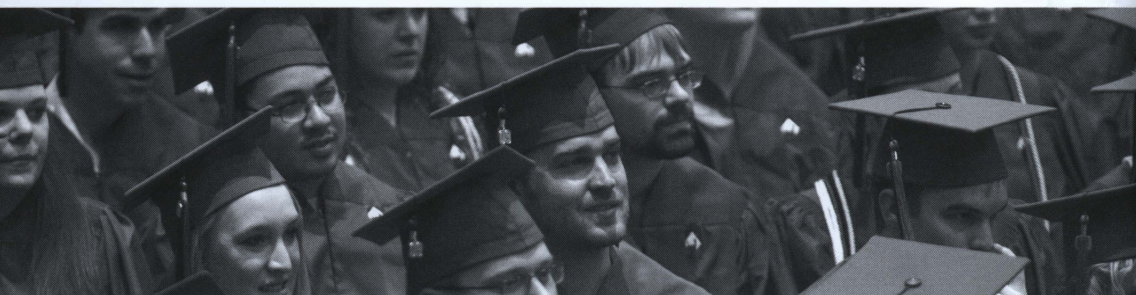
Alma Mater

Music by Frederick Koch – Words by Isabel McKinney

For us arose thy walls and towers;
Their beauty, strength, and grace are ours.
Thy hills and prairies at thy feet;
For us in lovely landscape meet.
So must our hearts remember thee;
So may our lives our tribute be.
Strong, true, and beautiful and brave and free;
So shall our hearts, our hearts, remember thee.

The audience is invited to join in the singing of the National Anthem and the Alma Mater.





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